

# The BBC

## Neighborhood Association

The Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association  
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### NEWS ABOUT THE NEWS

*By Ken Elmy*

We're ending this year with a bang! (Just like we started.) We are combining the November and December issues **into one whopping issue**. This is the last issue of the newsletter for 2004.

In this expanded edition you will find a vast array of information ranging from traffic control news to recipes, meeting minutes to news on the NAP.

We have really enjoyed bringing people together in our neighborhood through this simple couple of pages and hope you have enjoyed it too.

#### Newsletter Boxes

The newsletter pick-up boxes are still up & available throughout the neighborhood. Please see the map on Page 12 for locations. The boxes have been slow to catch on

but we hope that as familiar people get with their location that they will empty out a little quicker.

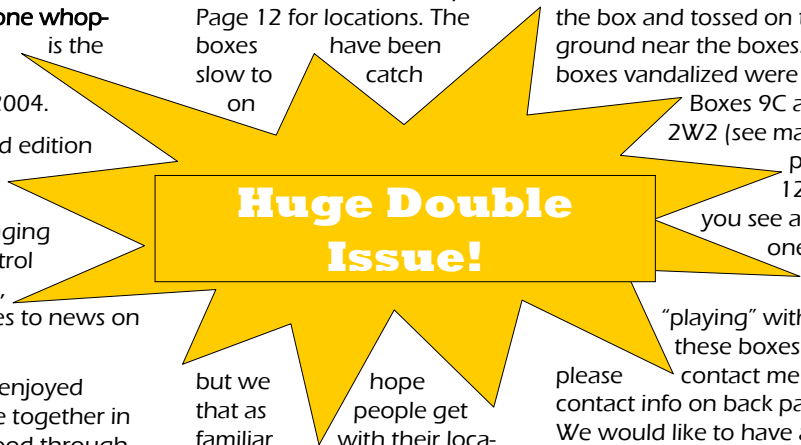
#### Vandals!

Vandals have struck two of our Newsletter pick-up boxes. In both cases newsletters were removed from the box and tossed on the ground near the boxes. The boxes vandalized were

Boxes 9C and 2W2 (see map on page 12.) If you see any-one

"playing" with these boxes please contact me (see contact info on back page). We would like to have a word or two with the individuals involved in these actions. Also parents of chil-

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### THE BBCNA IN THE COLUMBIAN!

*By Ken Elmy*

The BBCNA was featured as the lead story in the Neighborhoods section of the October 28th issue of The Columbian!

The article described the re-birth of the BBCNA lead by the efforts of Kim Mattox and her desire to get the Poplar Street "fence alley" cleaned up. The story also included perspectives from other BBCNA members and

highlighted our web site.

If you would like to obtain a copy of this article please contact The Columbian at 694-3391.

You can also try the public library and see if they still have a copy of this issue.

We would like to thank The Columbian for considering the BBCNA newsworthy and for all of the time & effort put into the story.



#### NEXT MEETING

Please join us for our next neighborhood meeting in the BBC Elementary School Forum.

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17th at 7pm in the BBC Elementary School Forum. The Forum is across the hall from the gym.

Jeanne Harris will be our guest speaker.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



*By Melissa Abbe*

Because this newsletter is a double issue for November and December I will be doing two profiles this month. The first is on Vince and Carrie Gorski, who are co-chairs for the Beautification committee for the BBCNA. Vince and Carrie have been married for three years; they

met six years ago at Cal-Poly Tech in San Luis Obispo, CA. Shortly after they married they moved to Beaverton where Vince went into sales with a printing company and Carrie was hired as a special ed teacher at Pioneer Elementary here in Vancouver. The commute was a bit more than Carrie wanted and they decided to look for a home in Vancouver. They found one, and in January they moved to the home they currently reside in.

Vince and Carrie have a dog, a Rhodesian ridgeback named Jaycee. They have been taking her to the local dog park, where Carrie says she is becoming quite socialized. Jaycee even has dog-friends that she will run up to greet when she sees them at the park. It has become a ritual for the three of them to go to the dog park each Sunday. There will be another addition to the Gorski

family in March; Carrie is expecting her first child at that time.

When they aren't taking Jaycee to the park, Vince and Carrie have other interests as well. Vince is involved in a fantasy football league and participates on four teams. Carrie plays bunco with a monthly group that she met through the neighborhood association. She also tutors out of her home. As a couple they enjoy traveling and have backpacked throughout parts of Europe and Central America.

Vince and Carrie became involved in the neighborhood association out of a desire to be more involved in their community, and also to ensure that home property values were kept up. During their first few months as Beautification chairs they organized a successful "dumpster day". The two of them have

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## MOVIE REVIEW? THE TRENCH

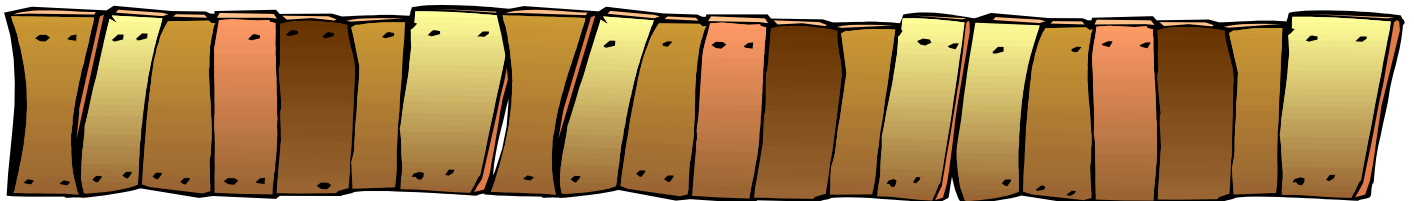
*By John Harp*

A favorite movie of our NAP committee chairman, Steve Harris, is Star Wars. This movie is full of striking visual effects. One of these scenes I would like to picture for you as though you had never seen this movie. I know, picturing a person who has never seen Star Wars is difficult, but work with me on this would ya. There's this exciting scene where the hero, flying an X-Wing fighter, is trying to destroy the bad guys prime weapon, the Death Star. He's being chased down this long trench by the bad guys in Ti fighters. And, it culminates in a cataclysmic explosion, the destruction of the Death Star. Huh? you say, Ti fighter? Death Star? Remember, You've never seen Star Wars. Ok ok, how do I explain this to someone who has never seen Star Wars. Well, think about this. There's this guy, ya see, not quite dry behind the ears. He's driving East on 49th Street in an old run-down

white Pinto (Rabbit if you prefer) with burnt valves and needing a ring job. He accelerates away from 151st Avenue. He zigs to the right. He zags to the left, and there it is, looming in front of him ... the trench!!! Poplar Street. The vortex sucks him in, 'more power R2, I need more power' Squeak, squeal, squall. Old Pintos do that naturally. Cold sweat breaks out on Not Quite's forehead. His pulse quickens. He grips the wheel tighter. But, this guy is cool, He has ice water coursing through his veins. Faster and faster he drives. There is no sensation of speed just the walls on either side. Then a dark presence appears behind him (a Lexus). 'Can't let them get me.' Faster, faster, the vortex that is the Poplar Street trench pulls him along. Faster, faster, must get through the trench.

Some think it should be white. Some want it to be a brown stain. It doesn't much matter. It is still a trench. Poplar

Street must be one of the most ugly eyesores in the City of Vancouver. Painting one color or another is only going to change the color of the ugliness. Driving down Poplar Street is like driving through a featureless wasteland. People in it just want to get out. It does not seem as though you are in a neighborhood. We need your help. The neighborhood" needs your input, your ideas. It is good to see our Beautification Committee helping out the Fence Committee. But, this is not a job for a few people or a couple of small committees. We need more people on these committees. Painting is just a start. We need to go on from there with other beautification projects. We need to create a serene passageway through our neighborhood. A corridor to cause people to slow down to appreciate its beauty. An identity of the Burnt Bridge Neighborhood.



# GOT A MINUTE?

(MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER'S MEETING)

*By John Harp, Rita Glatt and Angela Harp*

**Burnt Bridge Creek  
Neighborhood Association  
General Board Meeting Minutes  
October 20th, 2004**

*These minutes have not yet been formally approved.*

John Harp opened the meeting at Burnt Bridge School at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:**

The September 27, 2004 minutes were approved. There was a few corrections to the Beautification Committee report. **The Trees mentioned in the minutes were wrong they were not \$15 to \$20 the correct price is \$15 to \$75.** Also the City of Vancouver does provide service for Appliance pick-up according to Vince Gorski.

**Treasure's Report:**

There was no change in our account balance of \$661.75. A discussion was asked about how to go about being paid for the merchandise that had been purchased. Karen said that expenditures need to be approved so a receipt



or a itemized amount must be given to John and or Karen for reimbursement.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Communications Committee:**

Ken reported about the newsletter distribution Boxes. Ken wants to see how well this works out and then will see about getting more boxes in other areas. Ken reported that the November and December newsletter will be combined. Ken encouraged people to send



We hammered out the NAP!

in their favorite recipe or their favorite project they like to do for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There was a discussion on putting the newsletter in the Safeway and or QFC stores for distribution.

**Fence Committee:**

Kim thanked several people for going Door To Door along Poplar with the

survey on the color for the fence. Kim reported that part of the fence along Poplar (1st block off 162nd and Poplar) will be painted white to match the vinyl fence (per the property owners.)

**RETRACTION: The Trees mention in the [October] minutes were wrong. They were not \$15 to \$20 the correct price is \$15 to \$75**

Kim also reported that we can get a discount of 30% at Sherman & Williams located on 164th next to the theater and also a 20% discount on power equipment at Parkrose Hardware, Just say that you belong to the Burnt Bridge Neighborhood Association. Kim reported that the Fence Committee and the Beautification Committee are merging together.

**NAP Committee:**

Steve Harris went though the rough draft for the Neighborhood Action Plan. The Draft was discussed and changes noted. **AFTER THE CORRECTIONS ARE MADE IT WILL BE SENT TO THE City of**

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# THAT SANTA CLAUS THING

*By John Harp*

Every year at this time we hear about this Santa Claus guy. You know, big guy, bulbous nose, wears red all the time, drives a sleigh, that guy. Takes all the credit. But we know, he doesn't do it all alone. He can't do it all by himself. What is really going on is that he has an army of elves behind him. That's where the true genius lies. This Claus guy is just the front man. What you have to do is look beyond this guy to see what really works.

Take communications for instance. Where would we be without the likes of Ken Elmy? He has done a fantastic job of keeping us all informed on what is going on in the neighborhood. Every month he has labored to publish our

newspaper. And, our online communication system is the envy of the City.



Think about Melissa Abbe. She has written countless articles for our paper. Further she serves on a number of committees. And, committees she doesn't serve

on she somehow seems to show up at their meetings.

Steve Harris is a work horse. We gave him a task to perform which he did. We gave him a deadline which he met. Workers fell out of his committee, but he pressed on. When it lagged, he picked it up and pressed on. Now we have a Neighborhood Action Plan thanks to Steve.

And, talk about getting things done, just think about Fran Gladden. When She didn't believe things were moving fast enough, she got in and did it herself. She organized her neighbors and created her own painting party. She got the job done.

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## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

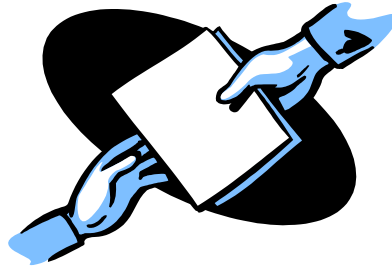
By Steve Harris

Hello everyone! I am the chair of the NAP committee. I just wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page with current status of our NAP document. I presented a rough draft of the document at the BBCNA October meeting. Folks there had some really good suggestions and those have since been implemented. A revised rough has been sent to the Neighborhoods Office with the City.

The next step is for copies of the rough to be sent to various City departments to get their suggestions/changes for a final draft. I've been told it takes generally about a month to get all the reviews back. It was sent to those City departments on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Once those suggestions/changes are made, a final draft will be ready for the BBCNA's approval. We should plan on trying to get this done at our December BBCNA meeting – hopefully around December 8<sup>th</sup>. **I would suggest we keep the date of that meeting flexible so we can plan around the timing of the final draft for everyone's approval.**

Once the BBCNA has approved a final

draft, we will be ready to approach City Council at one of their Monday night meetings for a resolution. Everyone is invited to attend that City Council meeting. I believe the City will be sending out invitations to notify residents of that resolution. The best scenario would be



to fit this in before the Xmas holidays. As I understand it, there may be some funding available in January for Neighborhood Improvements. If we have this approved by council in time, we could apply for a grant.

I realize that initially we had stated a final draft would be ready in November. We hadn't counted on that month it would take for departmental approvals. It is still possible to have this done by

the end of the year. I wouldn't count on it, but we can sure strive for that.

I also want to thank the NAP committee for all their hard efforts, especially Kim and Melissa for implementing all the variables into a completed document! The rough is available for review at any time on the web page. Please take a moment to read it if you haven't already. A lot of work went into it. And, take note of the Vision Statement. Each person in the committee wrote a vision statement. At the end, we combined the various statements to form a universal vision. I'm very proud of how that turned out!

Thanks for your patience during this process. If you have any questions, feel free to post comments on the web or call one of the committee members. Here's to becoming officially recognized by the City of Vancouver!

Your NAP Chair  
Steve Harris

[Editors Note: You can view the draft of the NAP on-line at <http://bbcna.org/nap.htm>]

## POPLAR STREET SPEED SURVEY

By Ken Elmy

In order to assess the needs for speed calming for Poplar Street the City had to perform a speed survey of Poplar/47th/48th streets. This survey was performed in December of 2002. The City's survey included both east and west bound traffic at two places: on 48th Street east of 150th **between speed bumps** and on Poplar **between 160th and 158th Avenue**.

There are many patterns that can be derived from the surveys. Unfortunately we do not have room in the newsletter to review them all so we'll try and keep it simple.

The graphs on page 5 show the total traffic volume for specific speed ranges the vehicles were traveling in. The vehicle count is a total for both eastbound and westbound traffic for a 24 hour period.

Keep in mind that the speed limit for

Poplar/47th/48th/49th street through out neighborhood is 25 mph.

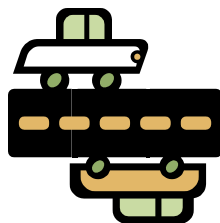
From these graphs we can see that:

- △ 50–70% of people driving this roadway are speeding.
- △ The speed bumps appear to reduce speeds by about 5 mph.
- △ A significant number of people drive 10 mph or more over the speed limit.

*(Keep in mind that the speed limit for Poplar/47th/48th/49th street through out neighborhood is 25 mph.)*

Now we cannot fix these problem over night. As you have seen the striping project alone has taken some time to complete.

Beyond striping we can try and pursue at the medians and planting grass boxes options as presented in the striping plans suggested by the City.

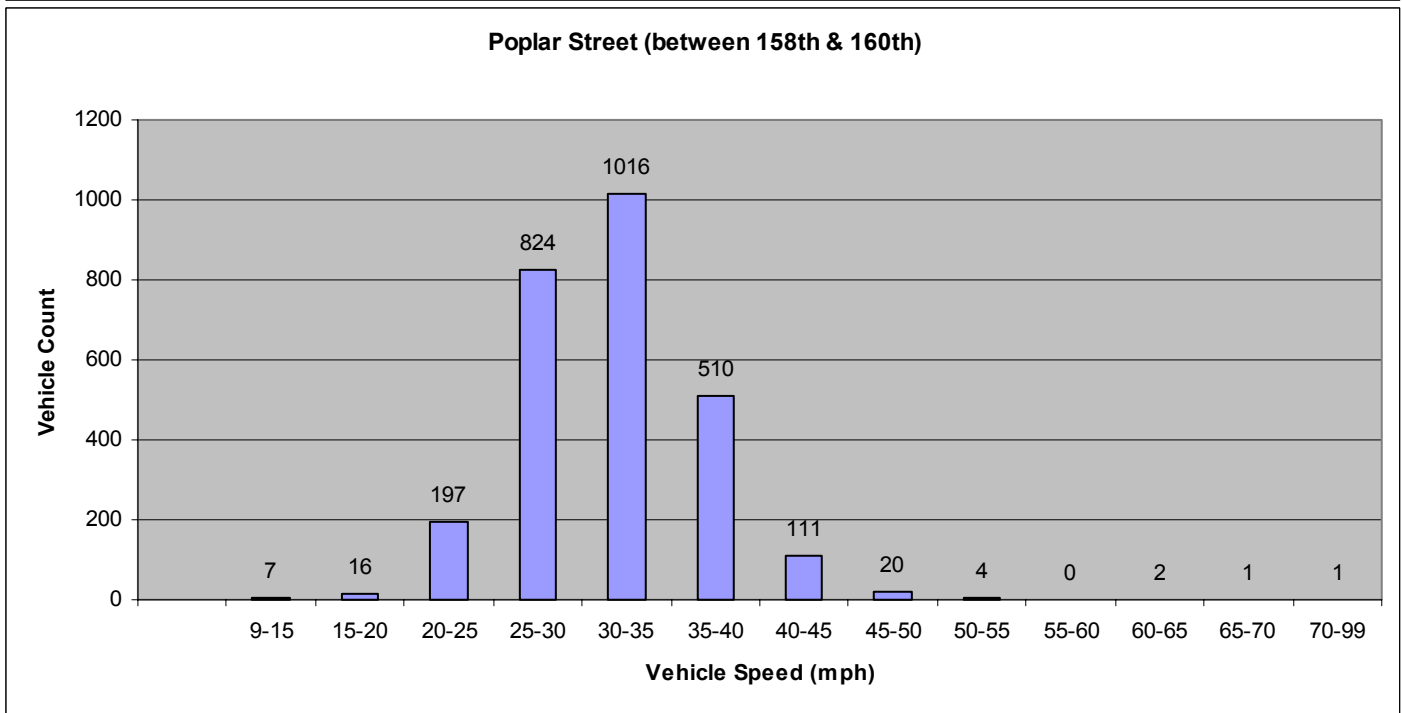
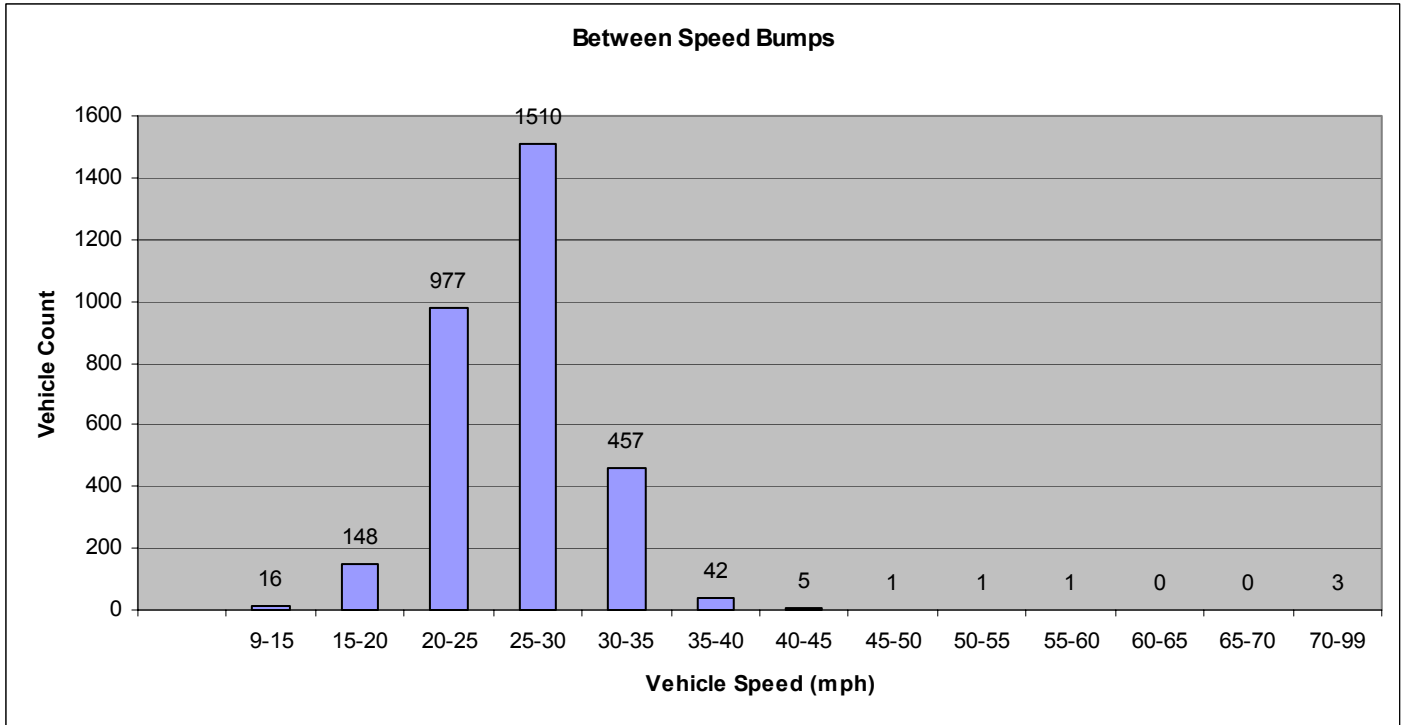


**So what can you do to help right now?**

We can however be better citizens when driving these streets ourselves. This is not only Poplar street but all of the streets in our neighborhood. Here are some thoughts:

- △ **Slow down!** How much time will you save going down Poplar Street at 35 mph as opposed to 25 mph?
- △ **Take your car to the drag strip!** PIR and the Woodburn drag strip are much safer places for you to test the upper limits of your vehicle. Despite your skill, unexpected debris in the roadway could cause you to lose control of your vehicle. *C'mon now who really needs to go 70–99 mph between speed bumps!*
- △ **Be courteous!** Is 25 mph too fast for you? Is a line of cars always following you? Then pull over and let them pass! It's one thing to drive

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safely in the presence of children and another thing to be an obstacle to traffic that may drive others to speed out of frustration.

△ **Teach your kids!** Do you let your children play unsupervised in the street? Do they know how to cross

the street? Do they know the rules for bicycles? Are they aware that drivers cannot see them when they step out from behind a parked car? *Better you teach them now than moving vehicle later.*

Please look for a more detailed article on our web site ([www.bbcna.org](http://www.bbcna.org)) in the near future. The article will include

all of the original data as supplied in the surveys. We will also post a follow up article in a future newsletter with the results of the post-striping speed survey so we can see what effect the striping produced.

We would like to thank the Vancouver Transportation Services Department for providing us with the survey details.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU II

By Melissa Abbe

The second profile for the Nov/Dec newsletter is Herb Wilkins, who is the Traffic Committee chairperson. Herb has lived in Vancouver for four years; before that his home was in Missouri. Herb works for the Veterans Administration and when they offered him a position in Vancouver it was a "dream come true" for him. Having spent over 24 years in the Army he had been stationed at Fort Lewis and remembered the Pacific NW as a place with beautiful geography and open, friendly people. Herb enjoys the mountains and the beaches and feels like he has the best of all possible worlds living here.

Herb has been married to his wife, Louise, for 15 years and between the two of them they have four boys who are all grown and have families of their own. Herb and Louise have 13 grandchildren, ranging in age from 11 years to six months; the youngest being a set of twin girls. They also have a dog named Scout, who was named by a son

who is an Army Ranger.

Herb enjoys bowling and walking for exercise. He is a member of a league, and his average is in the 190s. He likes to walk around the neighborhood or at the VA facility. He is also very proud of



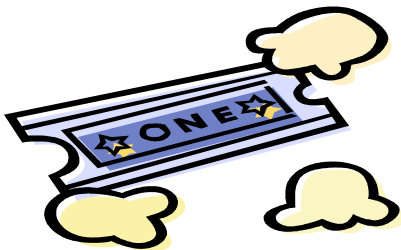
his wife, whom he calls a "nurse's nurse". Louise is the Stroke Program Coordinator at SW WA Medical Center; a program she initiated shortly after being hired as an ER nurse. The program is currently awaiting accreditation

with JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations).

When asked why he became active in the Neighborhood Association, Herb offered this quote, "I asked why doesn't somebody do something and then I realized, I'm somebody." Herb feels like he is a friendly person and wanted to become involved in order to make the neighborhood a better place to live. He attended the initial NA meetings and decided to become involved with the Traffic committee, an area that he felt was of high concern, and eventually volunteered to lead the committee. Herb is also the neighborhood representative for the NTSA (Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance), which meets the third Tuesday of each month.

Thanks for looking out for the neighborhood, Herb...its great to know that you are out there working hard to make this a better, and safer, place for all of us!

## STEVE'S MOVIE REVIEW



By Steve Harris

*"Grudge" against seeing this film*

Well I realize by the time you read this, Halloween will have been way past gone – but I just saw this movie – "The Grudge". I did all the Halloween stuff this year: carved a pumpkin, watched Charlie Brown's Halloween, had a costume party, and of course, went to see a scary movie.....or at least that's what I thought!

The Grudge stars none other than the Buffy actress, Sarah Michelle Gellar and she was the only plus to the movie. Based on a Japanese film, this weak plot deals with spirits in a house that come back to hunt and kill anyone who enters the building. An apparent curse, that

when there are violent deaths in a house, the spirits of those killed would seek revenge on anyone (doesn't matter who) that enters the house

This actually started out as something that could have been a pretty good B movie, but the acting sucks. Sarah Michelle can pull it off, but as for the rest of the cast.....snoring material. There were a few good startling moments, though predictable, but the makeup was so unrealistic it could have been one of my trick or treaters.

This goes to prove – don't base a movie on the box office list. The Grudge was in the number one slot for a few weeks in a row. Wow, must have really been nothing else to see out there.

I rate this movie a C- and wouldn't recommend wasting the money to see it in the theater.

Since this is the last newsletter for awhile, you will have to wait for further reviews until after the holidays, but be sure to check out my suggestions for quality entertainment during the holiday season!

## THE GORSKI'S

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lots of ideas for the coming months, including a neighborhood garage sale, a plant exchange, and another dumpster day. Vince and Carrie are proud to be members of a neighborhood association that has so many active and caring members. They ask that everyone just be aware of their surroundings; it only takes a small amount of effort to ensure that your yard is kept up and your trash is hauled away properly.

Recently the Beautification committee has merged with the Fence committee, chaired by Kim Mattox. The two committees will work together to oversee neighborhood improvement projects. This is great news for the neighborhood; with the combined efforts of these hard-working individuals I know we'll be seeing some great things in the future. Vince and Carrie, its great to have you both as neighbors!!



## FATTEN ME UP!

Need some good recipes to spicing up the holidays or any meal? We'll here's a few to start!

**By Amy Smith**

### "Artichoke Dip"

- 1 12oz artichoke hearts cut up
- 1 sm can green chilis (if you don't like chilies use 1 clove of garlic)
- 1/2 c parmesan cheese
- 8 oz Monterey Jack cheese, grated
- 1 c mayo

Mix in casserole. Bake 30 minutes @ 350. This is good with any type of crusty bread or your favorite crackers. It is a bit oily so get the artichokes not packed in oil.

### "Beans, Beans, Beans!!!"

- 1 large can Pork & Beans

- 2 sm cans kidney beans (light or dark)
- 2 small cans butter beans
- 1 c white sugar
- 3/4 c brown sugar
- 1 lb bacon
- 1 lb lean ground beef (you can also use Turkey)
- 1 c ketchup
- 1 small whole onion
- 2 tsp vinegar (either white or cider)
  - 2 tsp mustard (dry or spread)



Brown ground beef - set aside- drain off fat. Fry bacon - set aside - drain off fat. Chop onion & sauté. Combine all

ingredients in crock pot & cook on low for at least 2 hours to all day. Like most crock dishes, the longer it cooks the better it gets. Add a green or fruit salad and some crusty bread to complete for a great Fall or Winter meal. You can freeze this also. Serves 10.

### "Broccoli - Cauliflower Salad"

- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 or 2 stalks of broccoli
- 1 large onion (I've done red or white)
- 1 lb bacon
- 1 c mayonnaise
- 1/2 c sugar
- 1/4 c parmesan cheese

Fry bacon in small pieces until crisp. Cut

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## FENCE & BEAUTIFICATION MERGE!

**By Kim Mattox**

In case you haven't heard yet, the Fence Committee and the Beautification Committees have merged. This decision was mutually agreed upon by both committee chairs because we both seem to have a common goal now.

Since the fence project on 39th Street was completed by those homeowners and since we have completed the Poplar Street door to door survey, we decided the only thing left to do was to "beautify" Poplar, so it seemed logical to combine committees.

We are still planning on encouraging homeowners along Poplar to prepare and stain their fences with the color of choice, Cedar Tone, and help them if they need it. This project will be put on hold until Spring when the weather improves. And the committee still plans to do the projects the old Beautification

Committee planned such as "Dumpster Day", maybe in April this year, a possible plant/bulb exchange, tree purchase information, a neighborhood garage sale in May and looking into the prospect of a neighborhood entrance sign on 162nd and Poplar.

The committee would also like to get information out on beautification concerns in general like junked cars, yard and house care checklists and trying to compile a list of volunteers to help others with yard work or odd jobs either volunteer or for hire.

So that's it in a nutshell! Your committees are hard at work trying to improve our neighborhood. If you want to give any input on any of these future projects or anything else, please post a message on the web in the Beautification/Fence forum or e-mail Vince or Kim. Thanks!



**Thanks 39th Street Fence Painters!!!**

# HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

*By Steve Harris*

Cue the Perry Como tunes: The holidays are among us which means good food, plenty of shopping and oh yes, programs to watch!

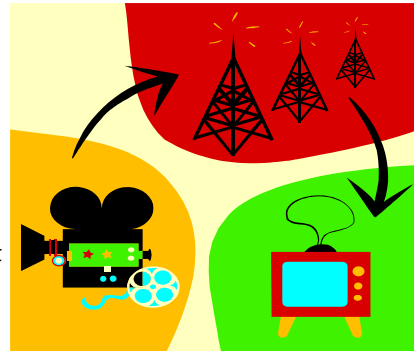
To get in the spirit and especially if you have kids (I don't) check out the local listings for the infamous Rankin/Bass animated shows. They produced the all-time greats including *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. They also did *Santa Clause is Coming to Town*, *The Year Without a Santa Clause* and *The Little Drummer Boy* to name a few. Others to watch for include *Frosty*, *The Grinch*, and the season wouldn't be complete without *Charlie Brown* and his tree! I have all of these timeless treasures on tape and try to watch most of them each year – a true kid at heart. It does help set the mood.

Here are some choices to rent: the all-

time Xmas favorite has got to be *It's a Wonderful Life*. Jimmy Stewart at his best and Donna Reed never looked so good. This is a great movie to watch at home with the family.

A good romantic comedy that takes place during the holidays and close to home would be *Sleepless in Seattle*. Tom and Meg, the perfect onscreen pair act in probably their best film together.

If you are an action buff, check out *Die Hard* – also takes place during the holidays, excellent action and good one liners by Bruce Willis.

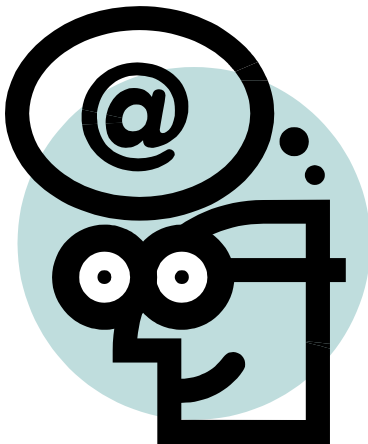


And of course if you are looking to buy a DVD gift set, *The Lord of the Rings* final four disc installment of "Return of the King" will be available.

As far as the big screen...this may be one of the more quiet years for big hits. With *Lord of the Rings* over and *Harry Potter* out next year, we might have a so-so season. In November look for a new Tom Hanks animated film, yet another Peter Pan movie (yawn), and *Sponge Bob* – yippee. There is however going to be an obscure Jim Carrey movie that looks pretty good – probably more of a kid flick but good for laughs nevertheless. My suggestion is to stick with the rentals and enjoy the seasonal treats!

Happy Holidays!

# WWW.BBCNA.ORG IS CHANGING



*By Ken Elmy*

We've made some minor improvements to the web site recently. Come take a look to see what's new!

Here are the highlights:

**Forum Icons:** Each forum has its own icon that appears to the left of the forum name in the forum list. These icons also appear next to announcements found on the home page. Clicking on the icon takes you to the forum that the icon represents.

**Announcements:** You can now post replies to any announcement. Also the announcements on the home page are larger (contain more information before they are cut off). Lastly, special formatting is no longer removed when the announcement is displayed on the home page. In other words we can make words big and colorful.

**Recent Topics:** The recent topics scroller on the home page no longer displays items from the calendar forum as it was redundant with the upcoming events scroller.

**Avatars:** Have you noticed people's posts having an icon for them on the left of the post? That's their avatar. You can assign yourself one from the avatar library via your profile page. Click the "profile" crayon at the top of the page and scroll down towards the bottom of your profile. You will find the avatar settings there.

Also we've posted a bunch of new content including:

A new contacts page that is available via the Links section of the homepage. (mimics the one found in the newsletter)

City and County calendar items in the calendar (note: this is performed manually. Please let us know if we've missed anything or better yet: post it to the calendar yourself!). November is chocked full of events so be sure and check out the calendar!

Updates on some City works projects that affect our neighborhood.



# FALL MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

By Carrie Gorski

Are you a first time home owner? Do you know what to do to prep your home for winter? Well here's a list of things to do that can help you get ready.



## Outside

- ☞ Check: weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors - replace or repair as needed Around door and window frames
    - ☞ Around exterior openings including utility outlets, phone lines, outside plumbing faucet, vents and fans
    - ☞ Around heating and/or air conditioning
    - ☞ Around room air conditioners
    - ☞ At corners formed by siding
    - ☞ Openings around drain pipes in bathroom and kitchen
  - Check for cracks and holes in house siding - fill with caulking as necessary
  - Remove window air-conditioners or put weatherproof covers on them.
  - Clean gutter and drain pipes so that leaves will not clog them
  - Check your roof for signs of minor damage such as missing, broken, cracked or curling shingles, or bare spots where the granular coating has worn off, and be sure to make the necessary minor repairs now to prevent further damage. Purchase roofing cement in caulking tubes to seal minor cracks and holes and glue down curled shingles (for larger jobs, purchase the larger containers). If the damage is extensive, or the shingle is missing, immediately replace it to prevent more serious damage from occurring.
  - Check flashing around vents, skylights, and chimneys for leaks
  - Check chimney for damaged chimney caps and loose or missing mortar
  - Check chimney flue - clean obstructions - make sure damper closes tightly
- Trim back trees First look for and remove dead or diseased limbs, cut back all excessive growth and then trim the bush
- Fall is a great time to fertilize your lawn as it provides grass with the nutrients required for the winter when the top layer
  - Properly store your lawnmower in order to easily start it up in the spring. First, completely remove all fuel by either draining the gas tank or running it empty. Alternatively, consider adding a fuel conditioner and topping up the gas tank to prevent any moisture from condensing in the tank. Once you have added the conditioner, run the engine for a minute or two to circulate the additive through the carburetor. This will help prevent gum from forming in the fuel system or on essential carburetor parts. Next remove spark plugs and apply a small amount of oil into the cylinder. Start your engine to burn off oil as well as lubricate the pistons, rings and cylinder walls. Store in a dry place or cover for winter.

## Inside

- Check insulation wherever possible - replace or add as necessary
- Have heating system and heat pump serviced - have humidifier checked - change or clean filters on furnaces
- Drain hot water heater and remove sediment from bottom of tank - clean burner surfaces - adjust burners
- Check all faucets for leaks - replace washers if necessary
- Check and clean humidifier in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- Clean refrigerator coils



# BURNT BRIDGE SCHOOL PARK LIGHTS



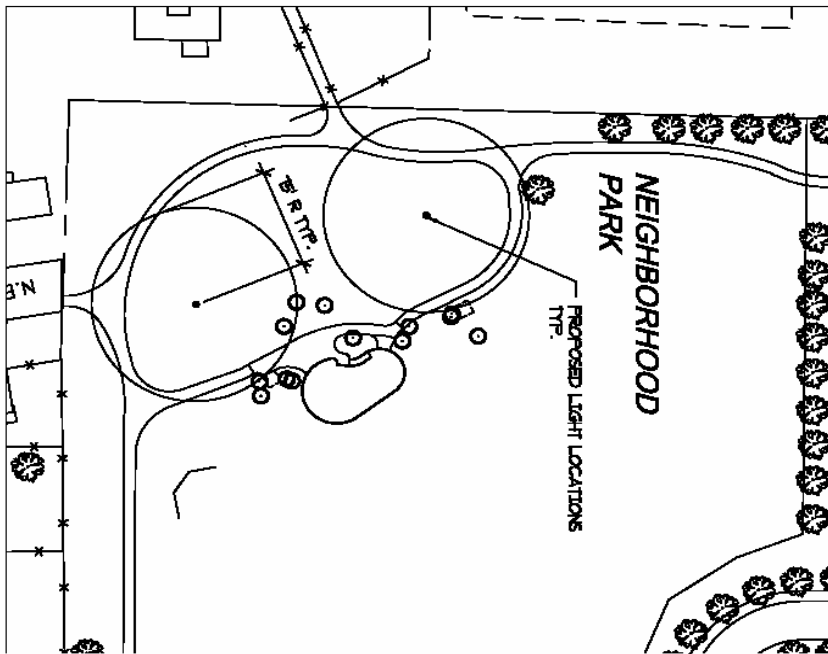
*By Lisa Goorjian, Park Developer, City of Vancouver*

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Dept will initiate a park improvement project at Burnt Bridge School Park this Fall to provide security lighting in the densely wooded portion of the park. VCPRD has awarded a contract to Farwest Electric to install 2 security lights. The lights will be on from dusk until the park closes at 10PM. The light locations are based on openings in the fir canopy and proximity to the park

entrances. Work is anticipated to begin mid to late November. If you would like more information or have questions please contact Lisa Goorjian, Park Developer, 360-619-1134 or [lisa.goorjian@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:lisa.goorjian@ci.vancouver.wa.us).



## BURNT BRIDGE CREEK SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



Lights are going to be installed in the BBC School Park!

# LONE BIRCH SHORT PLAT DEVELOPMENT NEWS

*[Editors Notes:*

*This e-mail was submitted by Alex Lockard. Thanks, Alex, for the submission.*

*This subdivision is going in at 138th Court, bordering the BBC neighborhood on the west]*

**From:** Bryan Monroe  
**Subject:** RE: Lone Birch Short Plat (PRJ2003-01173/PAC2003-00062)

It has been determined by the City Transportation Department that the corridor on 137th Avenue from 18th Street to Fourth Plain is failing in terms of traffic service levels (intersection delays) and needs improvements at all of the intersections to correct the problems.

The projected costs of the improvements are estimated at 20-30 million dollars. At this time the City does not have funding available to fix the problems. Therefore it will be the responsibility of the local developers to provide funding to fix the problems. At this time none of the developers have stepped up to the plate.

Until the fixes are made, all projects will be placed on indefinite hold or denied due to failing traffic service levels. The developer for Lone Birch has asked that his application be put on indefinite hold until the problems are resolved. If you have any further questions let me know.



Bryan Monroe  
Development Review Services  
City of Vancouver



# THAT SANTA CLAUS THING

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Speaking of volunteerism, consider Herb Wilkins and Jack Robins. When the Traffic Committee folded, Herb jumped in and pulled it back to life. Then, when Herb fell ill, Jack Robins

assumed the helm and kept that committee on a steady course.

Yes, we have a lot to thank our neighbors for. It's not a Santa Claus thing.

— John

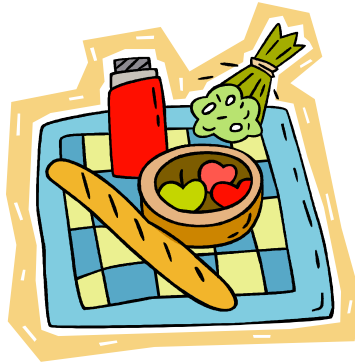
# ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PICNIC THIS SUMMER?????

*By Pat Kenaston*

I know it is early but the picnic committee will be having its first meeting in January to begin planning for the AUGUST picnic.

We felt getting an early start we will be able to provide a little more fun and festivities than last year.

We would really appreciate some input from the neighbors. Any of you that attended last year, if you have any suggestions on how we can improve or add to the picnic please feel free to submit your suggestions.



And those that did not attend...please come this year and your suggestions are more than welcome.

I want to remind you that we do have a problem with electricity so we are limited to entertainment or anything that requires electricity. Again thanks to Terry Scutter for allowing us to "plug in" to his house last year in order to provide

the Godfathers pizza tent.

We will have forms at the next meeting you can write your suggestions on OR feel free to submit them on the web site.

We would be interested to know how many of you have CLASSIC or VINTAGE cars. Would you be interested in having a neighborhood CRUISE IN at the picnic? Please let us know if you might be interested in this and any other suggestions you may have.

Thank you!

Pat Kenaston  
Picnic Committee Chairman

## MINUTES

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**Vancouver** for their approval. When the City of Vancouver approves our NAP, we will be able to apply for grants, which can improve our neighborhood.

### New Business:

At the November 17, 2004 we will have a guest Speaker. Jeannie Harris.

Herb Wilkins reported that he needs representation on NTSA meeting. If you would like to join Herb please e-mail him.

The General Meeting was adjourned.

## NEWS ON NEWS

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dren that live around these boxes: please talk to your children about respecting these boxes and our efforts to serve you. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

And thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue!

## FATTEN ME UP!

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up veggies in small pieces and add to bacon. Mix together.

Combine mayonnaise, sugar and cheese. Pour over veggies & let stand in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

*By Ken Elmy*  
"Santa's Surprises"

- 2 sticks butter (softened)
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 1/2 cups all purpose flour (sifted)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 bag Snickers miniatures
- 1 bag Dove milk or dark chocolate gifts

Combine the butter, peanut butter, and sugars using a mixer on a medium to low speed until light and fluffy.

Slowly add eggs and vanilla until thoroughly combined. Then mix in the flour, baking soda and salt.

Cover and chill dough for 2-3 hours.

Unwrap all Snickers miniatures.

Remove dough from refrigerator. Divide into 1 tablespoon pieces and flatten.

Place a Snickers miniature in the center of each piece of dough. Form the dough into a ball around each Snickers miniature.

Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 325 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. (Baking time and temperature may need to be adjusted if using more than 1 tablespoon of dough per cookie).

Let cookies cool on baking rack or wax paper. Makes two dozen cookies.

Holiday hint: spruce up Santa's Surprise by drizzling melted Dove milk or dark chocolate gifts over the top of each cookies!

Holiday hint 2: Dip the cookies in Dove chocolate! You may need to wait several hours for the coating on the dipped cookies to harden but they are worth the wait!





# The BBC

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*Having a great neighborhood starts with you!*

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<b>BBC Neighborhood Calendar</b>		
EVENT	SPONSER / SOURCE	DATE
General NA Meeting	BBCNA	Nov 17
Separating Church & State	The Forum at the Library	Nov 18
Mies, Populuxe, and Google	City of Vancouver Cultural Services Clark County Historic Preservation Commission	Nov 18
Thanksgiving Break—No School	BBC Elementary School	Nov 24—26
Breakfast with Santa	Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation	Dec 4
Planning Commission Meeting	City of Vancouver Planning Commission	Dec 7
Domino's Dough Night	BBC Elementary School PTO	Dec 8
Teacher Workday—No School	BBC Elementary School	Dec 10
Winter Break—No School	BBC Elementary School	Dec 10—Jan 3
General NA Meeting	BBCNA	Dec 15

*Details? Visit [www.bbcna.org](http://www.bbcna.org)*



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